

**Grantee News**

- The New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice celebrates its ten-year anniversary and welcomes [Hayat Abdelal](#) as Program Coordinator and [Dante Apaéstegui](#) as Community Response Coordinator.
- The New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (NJISJ) celebrated the one-year anniversary of the New Jersey Reparations Council. [The celebration](#) took place on Juneteenth and was held at NJPAC.

**Policy Updates**

- In a milestone announcement, in recognition of ACLU-NJ's long-time efforts, this past Juneteenth, Governor Murphy signed an executive order in favor of the Clemency Project. The executive order establishes a six-member clemency advisory board and criteria that will expedite consideration for clemency requests. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).
- With strong support from organizations like Environment New Jersey, as part of the New Jersey Electric School Bus Law, the state launched a grant program allocating up to \$45 million to encourage the transition from diesel to electric school buses. Ideally, as funds become available through the EPA, the goal is to eventually replace all 21,700 registered school buses currently in circulation. Transportation accounts for up to 40% of climate pollutants. Read more [here](#).
- Amidst ongoing litigation challenging New Jersey's [Environmental Justice Law](#), the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance and Ironbound Community Corporation, along with other environmental advocates, have filed an amicus brief to demonstrate support for the landmark piece of legislation.
- New Jersey Policy Perspective (NJPP) celebrates the inclusion of the Corporate Transit Fee in the newly [approved state budget](#). The measure, which takes effect in FY2026, will ultimately collect \$1.1 billion for NJ Transit by charging a 2.5% fee to corporations making more than \$10 million in profits in New Jersey. Read more [here](#).

**Policy Setbacks**

- The newly signed OPRA law makes it more difficult for people to gain access to documents created and maintained by public officials. Advocates, such as the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey (ACLU-NJ), New Jersey Citizen Action,

and the League of Women Voters of New Jersey, argued against a signature from the governor, stating that the law threatens government transparency and punishes those seeking public information. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

### **Policy Reports**

- NJISJ released [From Shackles to Scholarship: A Vision for a 21st Century Bordentown School](#). The report urges New Jersey to close its three youth prisons and reinvest in a 21st Century version of the Bordentown School. Also formerly known as The Manual and Industrial Training School, the Bordentown School was founded by formerly enslaved Civil War veteran Rev. Walter Rice and is currently the site of our state's only youth prison for girls: the Female Secure Care and Intake Facility.
- The Latino Action Network Foundation, in collaboration with The Abortion Justice Committee of New Jersey, held a special report release event for their latest work: [Access and Opinions on Reproductive Health Care and Abortion Among the Latinx Immigrant Community in New Jersey](#). Two years after the Supreme Court ruling to overturn Roe v. Wade, the report highlights ongoing disparities experienced by non-English speakers, undocumented immigrants, and uninsured individuals when accessing general reproductive services.

### **Events**

- July 17 – [Healthy Communities: Two Collaboratives, One Vision](#), Jersey Water Works and Lead Free New Jersey.
- August 13 – [2024 Summer Joint Policy Forum](#), Council of New Jersey Grantmakers and New Jersey Center for Nonprofits

### **Job Announcements**

- [ACLU-NJ – multiple positions](#)
- [Eagleton Institute of Politics – Public Relations Specialist II](#)
- [New Jersey Citizen Action – multiple positions](#)
- [New Jersey Conservation Foundation – Director of Policy](#)
- [New Jersey Institute for Social Justice – multiple positions](#)
- [New Jersey Policy Perspective – Individual Giving Manager](#)

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